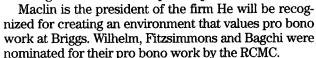
## Bar Buzz

## **Briggs attorneys receive MJF recognition**

The Minnesota Justice Foundation is recognizing a group of Briggs and Morgan attorneys for their volunteer services at the Ramsey County Mental Court as part of MJF's annual dinner next month.

Michael Wilhelm, Knapp Fitzsimmons, and Ankoor Bagchi and Alan Maclin will be recognized with the Out-

standing Service Award for private practice.



The mental health court began in 2005 and has served over 300 mentally-ill participants facing criminal charges in Ramsey County. Participation is voluntary, and it offers participants an alternative to purely criminal sanctions. The court is credited with shortening incarceration rates, reducing recidivism, and saving public dollars.

The MJF dinner is Nov. 13 at International Market Square. The guest speaker is Judge Jane Kelly from the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. More information is available at http://www.mnjustice.org.

For the past 31 years, MJF has worked to secure legal aid for under-represented Minnesotans by coordinating the efforts of volunteer law students and attorneys.

## 'Tis the season

For recognition of our deserving colleagues. In addition to Briggs' awards, the Council on Crime and Justice is accepting nominations for the 2013 Equal Justice Awards. The awards are presented to outstanding individuals and organizations that make the criminal justice



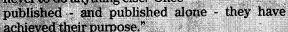
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system work better for all of us through their efforts in research, service, or advocacy.

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## Present Sense **Impressions**

"Law reviews (most of them, anyway) are the only body of literature with which I'm familiar that are written to be written, rather than written to be read. The article is correct: written they are achieve tenure, and almost never to do anything else. Once



- Retired U.S. District Court Judge James Rosenbaum responding to a New York Times article, "The Lackluster Reviews That Lawyers Love to Hate," on law reviews.

presented its Advocate Award to attorney Judy Miller-Thomas, formerly a legal advocate at the Hennepin County Domestic Abuse Center. It presented its Law Firm Award to Cooper & Reid, which it says is one of the few firms that openly offers highly experienced attorneys to handle full family law representation at set slidingscale fee rates based on income and federal poverty guidelines. 🚣

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